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### **CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY**

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

#### **Date of Violation: January 8, 2014**

##### **9 C.F.R. § 3.130 Watering.**

If potable water is not accessible to the animals at all times, it must be provided as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animal. Frequency of watering shall consider age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. All water receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary.

You failed to have potable water accessible to animals as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animals. The water in two tiger enclosures' water receptacles at Site 003 was frozen. When offered water, one tiger drank for over one minute and the other drank for more than half a minute.

#### **Date of Violation: January 8, 2014**

##### **9 C.F.R. § 3.131(a) Sanitation. Cleaning of enclosures.**

Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors. When enclosures are cleaned by hosing or flushing, adequate measures shall be taken to protect the animals confined in such enclosures from being directly sprayed with the stream of water or wetted involuntarily.

You failed to remove excreta as often as necessary from the bear's primary enclosure at Site 003. The drain in the bear enclosure was filled with fecal material and snow. The fecal material extended from the drain to the den doorway. An APHIS official observed the bear walking through the feces as it exited the den.

#### **Date of Violation: March 10, 2014**

##### **9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate



veterinary care that include:

The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care

You failed to seek veterinary care for possibly ill and/or injured tiger cub at Site 002. You did not contact the attending veterinarian to examine, diagnose, and treat the tiger's symptoms.

**Date of Violation: May 12, 2014**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.125(d) Facilities, general. Waste disposal.**

Provision shall be made for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, trash and debris. Disposal facilities shall be so provided and operated as to minimize vermin infestation, odors, and disease hazards. The disposal facilities and any disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, trash, and debris shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.

You failed to remove food waste, trash, and debris from a tiger enclosure at Site 003. Bones, feathers, and turkey parts from the tiger's meal two days prior to the inspection remained in the enclosure. Additional waste material and piles of debris previously cleaned from the animal enclosures was pushed against the dens outside of the enclosures.

**Date of Violation: May 12, 2014**

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You failed to remove excreta as often as necessary from the bear enclosure at Site 003. The drain in the bear enclosure was filled with fecal material, liquid, and shavings. The fecal material extended from the drain to the den door and front of the enclosure. An APHIS official observed the bear walking through the fecal material and paw prints from the fecal material on the enclosure floor.

**Date of Violation: May 19, 2014**

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adequate measures shall be taken to protect the animals confined in such enclosures from being directly sprayed with the stream of water or wetted involuntarily.

You failed to remove excreta as often as necessary from the bear enclosure floor at Site 003. The drain in the bear enclosure was full of fecal material, liquid, and shavings.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$5,286.